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SUBJECT: PER DIEM RATE - AMMAN

REF: AMMAN 1758, 849; STATE 083430 - A-75-1327

1. DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERING INCREASE IN PER DIEM RATE FOR AMMAN TO DOLS 48 BASED ON EMBASSY 1758 - ACTION TO INCREASE PER DIEM HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR REASONS GIVEN BELOW.

2. AT REQUEST OF OMB, ALL FOREIGN RATE DETERMINATIONS ARE COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING PER DIEM RATES FOR U.S. MILITARY (UNIFORMED) PERSONNEL AT FOREIGN LOCATIONS. DOD WAS RELUCTANT TO INCREASE AMMAN PER DIEM BASED SOLELY ON INCREASES AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

3. PER AGREEMENT WITH DOD, PER DIEM RATE FOR ALL FOREIGN POSTS IS BASED ON COST OF LODGINGS AND MEALS AT ADEQUATE, SUITABLE AND MODERATELY PRICED FACILITIES. EMBASSY IS INVITED TO REVIEW DEPARTMENT POLICY ON PER DIEM RATE DETERMINATION OUTLINED IN A-1327, FEBRUARY 25, 1975. A COPY OF THIS AIRGRAM WAS SENT TO ALL POSTS.

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4. BEFORE FURTHER CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO REVISING PER DIEM RATE IN AMMAN, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN CONTRASTING STATEMENTS IN AMMAN 849 AND LATEST POST REPORT. AMMAN 849 INDICATES THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTELS AND THAT EMBASSY PREFERS TO BILLET EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. NOVEMBER 1975 AMMAN POST REPORT INDICATES THAT RESERVATIONS ARE MADE AT THE GRAND PALACE AND SHEPHERD HOTELS UNLESS THE JORDAN INTERCONTINENTAL IS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED. SISCO

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